

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

KEISUKE SUZUKI, *et al.*

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 12, 2008, to which the time for response is set to expire March 12, 2009. The pending claims, claims 1-7 and 9-17, were rejected. Reconsideration and entry of the following amendments are respectfully requested.

Amendment to the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.